

REMARKS

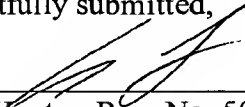
The claim objections

The claims are amended to further clarify them as discussed in a telephone conference with the Examiner on September 29, 2004. The objections are moot.

If any outstanding formality issues remain, applicants request that the Examiner contact counsel at the number indicated below to expeditiously resolve such issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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